

## LITTLE GIRL GOES TO FARMVILLE IN 1870

The following article is from the *Farmville Enterprise*, May 24, 1940. It was written by Mrs. Josie Joyner McArthur (1864-1958) wife of Charles William McArthur and daughter of Calvin Joyner and Mary Ballard. This article is a wonderful historical record of relationships and locations of houses from near Ballard's Crossroads to Farmville, Pitt County. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"When father had ordered our drive horse, Jack, hitched to the "top buggy" and we were snugly tucked in, brother and I in the foot, from which we could see everything our youthful minds might take in by peering over the dash, we headed South for Farmville.

The first place we passed was the home of our aunt, Mrs. William BELCHER, about three or four hundred yards farther on was the home of J. T. SMITH, later to become Sergeant SMITH, of Greenville, here we found a cousin, Mrs. SMITH.

Across the branch a quarter of a mile or a little more, we came to the home of William McARTHUR, an uncle by marriage. Reaching the crossroads and turning right we passed next the home of J. L. BALLARD, an uncle; Mrs. BALLARD, a niece of my mother by her first marriage.

Farther on across the creek, just ahead, was the home of Moses JOYNER, a cousin. On another half mile was the home of Mrs. Mary Ann ANDERSON, a cousin. Mrs. ANDERSON was the widow of Laurence ANDERSON, a Captain in the Confederate army. The next house on the left, well back from the road, was the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Moye EASON (sic). Set well away from the road in a grove of fine oaks at the crossroads on the left we see the house of William LANG and his wife, Mrs. Priscilla Moye LANG, a cousin.

Jogging along at a leisurely pace, turning to the right, we passed on the right Aaron TURNAGE home, a cousin; farther on still on the right way back from the road is the house of Moses TURNAGE, a cousin. Next, on this most pleasant journey, we passed the home of Albert CARR, a cousin. Not far ahead we see on the left the home of Robert TURNAGE, mother's nephew by her first marriage.

A bit farther on still to the left we see the home of Mrs. Betsey DUPREE and her sister, Mrs. Eliza MOYE, a cousin, this home is on our right, and just a little way ahead on the left is the home of William FLANAGAN. Next, well away from the road is the home of William JOYNER, his wife a cousin. Now, far ahead is the home of Mrs. Susie JOYNER. The beautiful plot of pasture land across the road in front is still a joy to the